

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-36 are pending; Claims 13, 14, 16, and 18-34 are withdrawn from consideration; and Claims 11, 12, 15, 17, 35, and 36 stand finally rejected and are presently on appeal.

On August 10, 2005, Applicants' representative contacted Examiner Mai regarding the Office Communication mailed July 29, 2005. During this conversation, Examiner Mai verified that the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 are withdrawn. The Examiner further requested that the Appendix of claims attached hereto be filed to reflect the amendment filed August 10, 2004. Accordingly, the Appendix attached hereto reflects the claims as pending upon appeal after the entry of the amendment filed August 10, 2004.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX I

11. A molded article made predominantly of pulp and comprising:

bottom portion;

and a body portion,

wherein an angle between an outer surface of a side wall of said body portion and a ground contact plane of said bottom portion is 85° or greater, said molded article is seamless, a height of said body portion is 50 mm or more, said molded article has corners having center portions of a thickness T2 that is greater than a thickness T1 of a portion that is not one of said corners, and

said thickness T2 continuously tapers into said thickness T1.

12. A molded article made predominantly of pulp and comprising:

a bottom portion; and

a body portion,

wherein an angle between an outer surface of a side wall of said body portion and a ground contact plane of said bottom portion is 85° or greater, said molded article is seamless, a height of said body portion is 50 mm or more, and said molded article has corners of a density ρ_2 that is smaller than a density ρ_1 of a portion that is not one of said corners.

13. A molded article made predominantly of pulp and comprising a bottom portion, a body portion and an opening portion, wherein said body portion has a depression or a projection, or said opening portion has an extension extending inward from a peripheral edge thereof, said depression or said projection is continuous only in a horizontal or oblique direction provided that said depression or said projection is continuous in a straight line, said

body portion is seamless, and said molded article has corners whose thickness T2 is greater than a thickness T1 of other portions.

14. A molded article made predominantly of pulp and comprising a bottom portion, a body portion and an opening portion, wherein said body portion has a depression or a projection, or said opening portion has an extension extending inward from a peripheral edge thereof, said depression or said projection is continuous only in a horizontal or oblique direction provided that said depression or said projection is continuous in a straight line, said body portion is seamless, and said molded article has corners whose density ρ_2 is smaller than a density ρ_1 of other portions.

15. The molded article according to claim 11, wherein T1 is 0.1 mm or more, and T2/T1 is 1.5 to 2.

16. The molded article according to claim 13, wherein T1 is 0.1 mm or more, and T2/T1 is 1.5 to 2.

17. The molded article according to claim 12, wherein ρ_1 and ρ_2 satisfy a relationship $0.1 \times \rho_1 < \rho_2 < \rho_1$.

18. The molded article according to claim 14, wherein ρ_1 and ρ_2 satisfy a relationship $0.1 \times \rho_1 < \rho_2 < \rho_1$.

19. The molded article according to claim 11, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article and/or a measuring container, said lid

and/or said measuring container being linked with said molded article by integral molding via a first hinge and/or a second hinge which is/are thin and dense.

20. The molded article according to claim 12, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article and/or a measuring container, said lid and/or said measuring container being linked with said molded article by integral molding via a first hinge and/or a second hinge which is/are thin and dense.

21. The molded article according to claim 13, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article and/or a measuring container, said lid and/or said measuring container being linked with said molded article by integral molding via a first hinge and/or a second hinge which is/are thin and dense.

22. The molded article according to claim 14, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article and/or a measuring container, said lid and/or said measuring container being linked with said molded article by integral molding via a first hinge and/or a second hinge which is/are thin and dense.

23. The molded article according to claim 11, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article, said lid being a part prepared separately from said molded article and fixed to said molded article by a linking part having a hinge, said linking part being provided on said lid.

24. The molded article according to claim 12, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article, said lid being a part prepared

separately from said molded article and fixed to said molded article by a linking part having a hinge, said linking part being provided on said lid.

25. The molded article according to claim 13, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article, said lid being a part prepared separately from said molded article and fixed to said molded article by a linking part having a hinge, said linking part being provided on said lid.

26. The molded article according to claim 14, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article, said lid being a part prepared separately from said molded article and fixed to said molded article by a linking part having a hinge, said linking part being provided on said lid.

27. The molded article according to claim 11, further comprising a plastic layer formed on the outer and/or the inner surfaces of said molded article by vacuum forming or pressure forming, and said plastic layer is obtainable by laminating a plastic film on said molded article while said molded article is heated to a predetermined temperature.

28. The molded article according to claim 12, further comprising a plastic layer formed on the outer and/or the inner surfaces of said molded article by vacuum forming or pressure forming, and said plastic layer is obtainable by laminating a plastic film on said molded article while said molded article is heated to a predetermined temperature.

29. The molded article according to claim 13, further comprising a plastic layer formed on the outer and/or the inner surfaces of said molded article by vacuum forming or

pressure forming, and said plastic layer is obtainable by laminating a plastic film on said molded article while said molded article is heated to a predetermined temperature.

30. The molded article according to claim 14, further comprising a plastic layer formed on the outer and/or the inner surfaces of said molded article by vacuum forming or pressure forming, and said plastic layer is obtainable by laminating a plastic film on said molded article while said molded article is heated to a predetermined temperature.

31. The molded article according to claim 27, wherein said plastic film is preliminarily stretched prior to lamination.

32. The molded article according to claim 28, wherein said plastic film is preliminarily stretched prior to lamination.

33. The molded article according to claim 29, wherein said plastic film is preliminarily stretched prior to lamination.

34. The molded article according to claim 30, wherein said plastic film is preliminarily stretched prior to lamination.

35. The molded article according to Claim 11, wherein said molded article has corners of a density ρ_2 that is smaller than a density ρ_1 of a portion that is not one of said corners.

36. The molded article according to Claim 12, wherein said molded article has corners of an approximately uniform thickness T2 that is greater than a thickness T1 of a portion that is not one of said corners, and

said thickness T2 continuously tapers into said thickness T1.

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